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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0386

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mitsuharu Ohki) Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 10/619,100) Examiner: Misleh, Justin P.
Filed: July 14, 2003) Confirmation No.: 5797
For: IMAGING APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an Election of Species Requirement mailed May 30, 2007, the period for response to which extends through June 30, 2007, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following species:

- Species I - Figures 1A-4, characterized by the Examiner as being directed towards an imaging apparatus wherein an electric signal from a photoreceptor, attenuated by exposure, is compared by a comparator with a threshold electric signal having a variable level;
- Species II - Figures 5-7, characterized by the Examiner as being directed towards an imaging apparatus wherein a photoreceptor element on which a high-luminance region (bright region) is projected carries out imaging at a shorter interval compared with a photoreceptor element on which a low-luminance region (dark region) is projected; and
- Species III - Figures 8-11, characterized by the Examiner as being directed towards an imaging apparatus wherein the amount of optical energy received by each photoreceptor element per unit time can be calculated precisely, serving to obtain precise pixel data.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Species I. At least claims 1-4 read on species I.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 19, 2007

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